

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an optical apparatus comprising an optical gain correction filter having a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a plurality of thin films with different diffractive indexes on a light transmitting board, wherein when the light with the wavelength  $\lambda$  enters at the incident angle  $\theta$ , the transmissivity is assumed to be  $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$  ( $0 \leq T_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$ ), and the thickness and stacking state of each thin film of the optical gain correction filter are adjusted to increase the transmissivity  $T_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$  when the incident angle  $\theta$  increases close to the predetermined maximum incident angle  $\theta_{\max}$  with respect to the incident light with the wavelength  $\lambda_0$ . The optical apparatus is applied to a bar code reader.